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## Foreign Reactions to US Involvement in Chile

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Publicity concerning US involvement in Chile has been particularly sharp in Latin America. The affair could damage the budding dialogue between the US and Latin America.

With a few exceptions, harsh criticism of the US over the Chile affair has been left to the local media and in a few cases to prominent politicians; official statements by Latin American governments have been few and restrained.

Doubt that the CIA "muddies" is widespread in Latin America, and the initial reporting of the story was made to fit the stereotype of US intelligence beyond official control.

Now that highly respected US leaders

have been linked with Chilean operations, the expressions of alarm are increasing.

Several themes are emerging in the tide of publicity. One involves admiration for the open system in the US that allows public opinion and the media to press for correction of an unpopular policy. Another suggests that just as DAS sanctions were taken against Cuba for subversion, the US now should be brought to judgment for the same offense.

The affair will probably do some damage to relations between the US and Latin America. The case seems to have rekindled old suspicions of and hostilities toward the US. The doubts now raised will add to the difficulty in maintaining the momentum toward improved

relations between the US and the rest of the hemisphere.

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